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Circle K Drills Four Monitoring Wells near Chino Valley Site, continues to see no Aquifer Contamination from Recent Fuel Release

CHINO VALLEY, Ariz. (May 10, 2024) – In consultation with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Circle K has drilled four wells to monitor the drinking water aquifer in the immediate vicinity of its Chino Valley location to enable earlier detection of potential contamination attributable to the recent accidental underground fuel release.

These four wells are closer to the source of the fuel release than the private drinking water wells from which Circle K contractors have been drawing samples weekly for testing since late February.

There continues to be no evidence of contamination from the release in the drinking water aquifer based on samples taken from both the private wells and the newly drilled deep monitoring wells.

“As our testing and remediation efforts progress, we hope that the ongoing testing will continue to show no contamination in the aquifer, said Morten Jensen, Vice President of Operations, Circle K Grand Canyon Business Unit. “We are grateful for the community’s patience as our work continues, and we are committed to seeing it through to completion.”

Circle K also recently installed a second soil vapor extraction/thermal oxidizer system to accelerate the removal of subsurface contamination.

The company will continue to share further updates as work progresses. In the meantime, residents may contact Circle K Customer Care at (833) 685-7318 with any questions.

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